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Rome, *April* 30. *N. S.*

CArdinal *Janſſen*, who at preſent manages the Affairs of *France* at this Court, had a long Audience of the Pope the 25th Inſtant, and another the day following upon the receipt of an Expreſs from *France*; The *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador had Audience the ſame day; and they both repeated their Inſtances for obtaining the Inveſtiture of *Naples* for the King of *Spain*; But the Pope anſwered, That the Congregation of Cardinals, appointed to examine this Matter, were not yet come to a Reſolution therein. The Pope has ordered ſeveral Troops of new-raiſed Dragoons to march to *Bologna*, and Commiſſions to be given out for raiſing more Forces, both Horſe and Foot; He has given Directions for furniſhing the Caſtle of St. *Angelo* with Artillery, and the neceſſary Stores of Ammunition, and for bringing thither the Treaſure from the Chapel of *Loretto*. The Imperial Ambaſſador being indiſpoſed, is going to paſs ſome days at *Fraſcati* for the benefit of the Air. The Differences between this Court and the Duke of *Savoy*, concerning the Right of Nomination to the vacant Benefices in *Piedmont*, are not yet adjuſted, which is the reaſon that the Pope delays ſending a Nuncio to *Turin*.

Venice, *May* 6. Count *Guido* of *Staremberg* is come to this Place from the Country of *Tirol*, and intends to return thither in few days. The Imperial Forces advance on that ſide, and will now very ſoon be all joined together, to the number of about 36000 Men; They are reſolved to puſh on their Deſign in *Italy*, and are perſwaded they ſhall find conſiderable Friends there. The Cardinal *d'Eſtrees* departs from hence to morrow. The Senate have made choice of Procurator *Ferigo Cornaro*, and Chevalier *Carlo Ruzzini*, to be their Ambaſſadors Extraordinary to the King of *Spain*. Letters from *Conſtantinople* bring Advice, that the *Turks* are fitting out ſeveral Men of War, and making other Preparations, whereupon Orders are ſent to the Commanders of the *Venetian* Forces in the *Morea* to be upon their Guard.

Lais in *Livonia*, *April* 15. The King of *Sweden*'s Forces which are quartered in theſe Parts, are ordered to be in a readineſs to march in the beginning of the next month, before which time 'tis hoped the Succours from *Sweden* will be arrived, and it's thought the King will then march towards *Pleskow*. Several Veſſels are building, which are to cruize on the Lake *Peipus*. Parties are frequently ſent out to make Excurſions into the Enemy's Country, and by ſome Priſoners they have lately brought in, we underſtand the Czar will not have ſo great an Army this Summer as has been reported; and that a Body of 7000 of his Men who lay near *Pleskow*, are marched back towards *Moskow*.

Vienna, *May* 4. The Regiment of Foot of *Mansfeld*, conſiſting of 2500 Men, was reviewed the firſt Inſtant in the Preſence of the Emperor, and the King of the *Romans*, and afterwards continued their March to join the reſt of the Imperial Forces that are drawing together on the Borders of *Italy*; A great quantity of Corn is ſent thither for their uſe; and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* and Prince *Charles* of *Vaudemont* will go from hence in few days to the Army. The Advices from *Rome* give us reaſon to believe, that the Pope is well enclined to the Emperor's Intereſts, and the ſame is thought of the *Venetians*. Mr. *Stepney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majeſty of *Great Britain*, arrived here 3 days ago. The Emperor being informed, that divers Perſons concerned in the late Plot, have taken Refuge in the Territories of *Poland* and the Grand Signior, he has writ to thoſe Princes, to deſire that theſe Conſpirators may not be harboured in their Dominions. Some Advices from *Turky* ſay, the Grand Signior has declared Count *Teckeley* Prince of *Widin*.

Francfort, *May* 12. The Count of *Lowenſtein*, Envoy from the Emperor, is returned hither from *Duſſeldorp*. 'Tis ſaid, Monſieur *Deſalleurs*, the *French* Envoy, has very much preſſed the Elector Palatine to enter into a Neutrality; but that his Electoral Highneſs has declared his Reſolution not to depart from the Intereſts of the Emperor and the Empire. Monſieur *Obrecht*, the *French* Plenipotentiary for adjuſting the Pretenſions of the Dutcheſs of *Orleans* on the Palatinate, intends in few days to return to *Strasburgh*. The Letters from thence ſay, a Train of 60 Pieces of Cannon is prepared in that City, for the Service of the *French* Forces which are ſhortly to Encamp near *Landau*. They write from *Switzerland*, that the General Diet of the Cantons has not yet met, to return Anſwers to the Propoſals which were delivered to them by the Imperial, *French*, and *Spaniſh* Ambaſſadors, at their laſt Meeting; That the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador has delivered a Letter from the King his Maſter to the Diet of the Canton of *Zurick*, notifying his Acceſſion to the Crown of *Spain*; And that the *French* are getting together a quantity of Timber at *Heuningen*, in order to make a Bridge over the *Rhine*; upon which the Imperialiſts have ſecured the Paſſes on this ſide the River. The Diet of the Circle of *Swabia* which is aſſembled at *Ulm*, appear enclined to augment their Troops to 12000 Men.

Bruſſels, *May* 17. The *French* ſend daily more Forces into the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, where they have now above 60000 Men, beſides 20000 in the Province of *Luxemburgh*, who are ready to march this way, or towards the *Rhine*, as there ſhall be occaſion. A Train of Artillery is arrived at *Ghent*, conſiſting of 50 Pieces of Cannon,